

Minutes for the Howard County Veterans and Military Families Commission

4 February 2016

Attendance: Janice Agazio, Jonathan Branch, Jack McNiff, Ed Herbert, Antonio S. daRosa, Howard T. Mooney, Wanda Riddle, Robert Gillette

Guests: Mary Driver (Disabled American Veterans), Ed Hall (The American Legion), Michael Blum (USMC Rep) Sue Emerson, Stacie Hunt and Kyri Jacobs (Leadership Howard County)

Meeting called to order by Howard at 1910

Sue Emerson from Leadership Howard County made a presentation and answered questions about their Transitioning Veteran Leadership Initiative. It is a tailored recruitment process for military community members

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes from December 2015 and January 2016 were approved by the commission. Motioned by Ed and seconded by Jonathan

Future commission meeting dates were announced. They are March 3, April 5 (FORUM), April 7, May 5 and June 2

Wanda and Bob presented an updated report on the monument subcommittee. Bob informed the commission that he has met with the Howard Hughes corporation twice. There are possible locations for the monument/memorial around the lakefront. There are still possible locations in conjunction with the Inner Arbor Trust.

Howard discussed the status of the budget request letter with Howard County and the Hughes Corporation. The letter was submitted to the county executive requesting \$50,000 for the monument project.

Wanda and Ed discussed the Resource Fair. We have 30 tables so far. There was a discussion about whether to invite our congressional representatives, and still remain non-partisan.

It was also discussed how to advertise/ publicize the Resource Fair

Howard will research getting business cards for commission members.

The annual report for the commission has been submitted to the county executive

NEW BUSINESS:

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival was discussed. Howard will research how the commission can support it. We will also seek further clarification about the festival from Lisa.

Possible Memorial Day activities were discussed. So far there are no known activities planned as of yet.

LZ Maryland is on June 18-19 2016, commemorating 50 years since the beginning of the Vietnam War, at the Maryland State Fairgrounds

No other new business was discussed

Meeting was adjourned by Howard at 2030

Submitted by Jonathan K. Branch